

# MINUTES

of the

Seventy-fourth Annual Session

of the

Zion Baptist Association

Held with

Shady Grove Baptist Church

Webster County, Miss.

September 8th and 9th, 1909.

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## NEXT MEETING:

Place: Lodi, Montgomery County, ten miles North of Kilmichael on Southern R. R.

Time: Wednesday before the second Lord's Day in September, 1910, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Associational Sermon: Rev. J. L. Phelps; Alternate W. J. McPhail.

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## OFFICERS:

Moderator—Joel Darroh..... Bellefontaine, Miss.

Clerk—J. W. Spencer..... Bellefontaine, Miss.

Treasurer—W. W. Naron..... Enpora, Miss.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAME	ADDRESS
Britt, D. N. ....	R. F. D. No. 4, Enpora, Miss.
Darroh, Joel .....	Bellefontaine, Miss.
Eidson, J. J. ....	Bellefontaine, Miss.
Mason, U. C. ....	Slate Springs, Miss.
McPhail, J. T. ....	Slate Springs, Miss.
McPhail, W. J. ....	Slate Springs, Miss.
Phelps, J. L. ....	Enpora, Miss.
Smith, B. T. ....	Walthall, Miss.
White, R. C. ....	Calhoun City, Miss.
Wilson, T. H. ....	Bellefontaine, Miss.
Wilson, J. W. ....	Bellefontaine, Miss.

## LICENTIATES.

Dunn, Luther .....	Duck Hill, Miss.
Franklin, J. J. ....	Enpora, Miss.
Gatlin, D. L. ....	Tommolen, Miss.
Kitchens, Z. B. ....	Tommolen, Miss.
Pittman, Bryant .....	Sibleyton, Miss.
Tuckett, W. A. ....	Enpora, Miss.
Sheppard, E. G. ....	Lodi, Miss.
Lott, Victor .....	Stewart, Miss.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional exercises by Moderator.
2. Introductory Sermon.
3. Reading of Letters.
4. Permanent Organization.
5. Call for Correspondence.
6. Appoint Return Correspondents.
7. Appointment of Committees.
8. Treasurer's Report.
9. Report on Pastor's Support.
10. Report on Missions.

11. Report on Evangelism.
12. Report on Woman's Work.
13. Report on Orphan's Home.
14. Report on Sabbath Schools.
15. Report on Ministerial Education.
16. Report on Mississippi College.
17. Report on Systematic Beneficence.
18. Select place to hold next Association.
19. Report on Temperance.
20. Report on Periodicals.
21. Report of Finance Committee.
22. Report on Nominations.
23. Appointment of Standing Committee.
24. Miscellaneous Business.
25. Calling the Roll.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE FOR 1910.

Missions—T. H. Wilson, W. J. McPhail.  
 Evangelism—J. L. Phelps, J. J. Franklin.  
 Ministerial Education—R. E. Perry, James Black.  
 Mississippi College—Alonzo Skelton, W. W. Allen.  
 Orphan's Home—A. C. Mason, J. T. McPhail.  
 Pastor's Support—Albert Dunn, C. S. Clark.  
 Periodicals—D. N. Britt, W. C. Love.  
 Sabbath Schools—Noel Skelton, Elmer Allen.  
 Systematic Beneficence—Cap. Stoker, Willie Pyron.  
 Temperance—James Wilson, Charles Denton.  
 Woman's Work—W. W. Naron, W. T. McQuary.  
 Sustentation—J. C. Winter, C. C. Duke.

Brethren, take notice and govern yourselves accordingly. Do not wait until you get to the Association to write your report.

JOEL DARROH, Mod.

# PROCEEDINGS

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## FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Zion Baptist Association met in its Seventy-fourth Annual Session with the Shady Grove Baptist Church, Webster County, Miss., on September the 8th, 1909.

At 10 A. M. the Moderator, T. H. Wilson, called the Association to order and conducted devotional exercises by reading the 121 Psalm. Prayer was offered by W. J. McPhail and J. L. Phelps. Songs "How firm a foundation" and "Amazing Grace."

The Moderator then called for letters. The following brethren were appointed Reading Clerks, to-wit: W. J. McPhail, W. W. Naron and J. E. Taylor.

The time having arrived for the annual sermon the same was preached by the appointee, Rev. Joel Darroh. Scripture reading, Matt. 13:47-58. E. G. Sheppard offered prayer. Text: Matt. 13:58. Theme: The curse of unbelief.

T. H. Wilson offered prayer.

The letters were then read and delegates enrolled as follows:

Bethany—A. C. Mason, W. J. McPhail.

Bethel—J. D. Denton, J. R. Scott.

Bluff Springs—M. B. Opwalt, Walter Hood, J. N. Bennett, D. C. Pittman.

Enpora—W. W. Naron, J. E. Taylor.

Fellowship—J. J. Eidson, J. W. Spencer.

Greensboro—T. J. Sims, John Strickland.

Harmony—J. W. Salley, Joe Few, James Pyron.

Hebron—F. M. Roberts.

Milligan Springs—W. C. Landrum, Bryant Pittman, Willie Box.



Mt. Zion—J. I. Burlison, W. L. Jones, G. W. Smith.

Mt. Vernon—L. Wood, J. H. Clark, E. Strickland, F. Wood.

Mulberry—W. L. Neal, C. B. Thompson, T. M. Lishman.

New Hope—A. B. Skelton, Joel Darroh, H. L. Hemp-hill.

New Liberty—D. F. Dalton, L. E. Townsend.

Philadelphia—S. A. Morris.

Pilgrim's Rest—J. W. Carroll.

Pine Forest—D. M. Sellers, J. H. Bailey.

Pleasant Hill—Not represented.

Pleasant Grove—L. M. Trussell, W. G. Martin.

Sabaugla—By Letter.

Sopa—J. Taylor Dunn, M. R. Klutts.

Shady Grove—J. G. Tidwell, J. E. Bailey, C. D. Collum.

Shiloh—Thomas Dunn, Jr., Pink Pyron, Jno. Pyron.

Spring Hill—H. J. Burson, S. E. Davis.

Unity—C. S. Clark.

Union—J. E. Campbell, H. A. Clark, J. M. Clark.

Walthall—W. A. Hays, B. Y. King, H. M. Skelton.

On motion the Association took a recess until 2:00 P. M. for dinner. Dismissed with prayer by J. L. Phelps.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association assembled at 2 P. M. Song, "Down at the Cross."

On motion the Association went into permanent organization.

Motion to suspend rules and elect officers by nomination and rising vote. Result as follows:

Moderator—Joel Darroh.

Clerk—J. W. Spencer.

Treasurer—W. W. Naron.

The Moderator-elect made some remarks and took his

Call for correspondence.—None.

Return correspondence—to

Trinity Association—W. J. McFail and J. J. Eidson.

Yazoo—T. H. Wilson, D. N. Britt.

Calhoun—J. T. McPhail.

Yellowbusha—C. S. Clark, A. C. Mason.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention—J. L. Phelps,  
T. H. Wilson, J. T. McPhail, D. N. Britt, W. J. McPhail.

Delegates to S. B. C.—J. L. Phelps; Alternate J. T.  
McPhail.

The following pledges were then made to defray ex-  
penses of delegate to S. B. C. to be paid by April the  
1st, 1910:

Bethany .....	\$ 2 50
Bethel .....	2 50
Bluff Springs .....	2 00
Eupora .....	4 00
Fellowship .....	2 50
Greensboro .....	2 00
Harmony .....	2 00
Hebron .....	2 00
Milligan Springs .....	2 00
Mt. Vernon .....	2 00
Mulberry .....	2 00
New Hope .....	2 50
New Liberty .....	2 00
Philadelphia .....	2 00
Pilgrim's Rest .....	2 00
Pine Forest .....	1 00
Pleasant Hill .....	1 00
Pleasant Grove .....	2 00
Sabaugla .....	2 00
Sopa .....	2 00
Shady Grove .....	2 00
Shiloh .....	2 00
Spring Hill .....	2 50
Unity .....	2 00
Union .....	2 00
Walthall .....	2 00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$54 50</b>

On motion the following Committee on Apportionment was appointed, viz: T. H. Wilson, J. L. Phelps, H. J. Burson and J. D. Denton.

The delegates from Pine Forest Church were called to the front, and the hand of fellowship was extended to them by the Moderator.

On motion T. H. Wilson and A. C. Mason were appointed to report on "Pastors' Support"; on "Temperance" W. A. Hays, W. J. McPhail; on "Woman's Work," J. L. Phelps, J. E. Taylor; on "Sustentation," A. B. Skelton, B. Y. King.

The following committee were then appointed, to-wit: On "Finance," Noel Skelton, T. J. Sims, W. A. Hays; on "Nominations," Bryan Pittman, T. H. Wilson.

Regular order of business taken up. J. D. Denton, Treasurer read his annual report, which on motion was received and referred to Finance Committee.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. D. Denton, Treasurer, in account with Zion Association.  
1908.

	Receipts.	Disbursements.
Sept. 10. To Received from Finance Committee	\$ 70 95	
Sept. 10. By amt. paid J. W. Spencer, Minutes		\$ 45 35
Sept. 15. By amt. paid A. V. Rowe, sustentation		14 70
Sept. 15. By amt. paid A. V. Rowe, Gen. Miss		5 50
Sept. 15. By amt. paid A. V. Rowe, For. Miss		2 00
Sept. 15. By amt. paid A. V. Rowe, Home Miss		3 75
Sept. 15. By amt. paid J. B. Carter Orphanage		1 65
Sept. 18. To amt. from Greensboro Ch., Orph'ge	1 00	
Sept. 18. By amt. paid J. R. Carter, Orphanage		1 00
Sept. 30. To amt. from Bethel Ch., Orphanage	1 70	
Sept. 30. To amt. paid J. R. Carter, Orphanage		1 70
Oct. 22. To amt. from Greensboro, Orphanage	1 00	
Oct. 22. To amt. from Bethel, for Orphanage....	1 05	
Oct. 22. To amt. from Pleasant Hill, Orphanage	2 00	
Oct. 22. By amt. paid J. R. Carter, Orphanage		4 05

1909.

Jan. 1.	To amt. from Bethel for Gen. Missions	25 10	
Jan. 1.	To amt. from Bethel, for Orphanage....	1 00	
Jan. 1.	By amt. paid A. V. Rowe, Gen. Miss		26 10

1908.

Dec. 14.	To amt. from Greensboro, Orphanage	1 00	
Dec. 14.	By amt. paid J. R. Carter, Orphanage		1 00
Apr. 2.	To amt. from Barton S. S. S., Gen Miss	5 00	
Apr. 2.	By amt. paid A. V. Rowe, for Gen. Miss		5 00
Apr. 2.	To amt. from Bethel, Gen. Miss.....	12 60	
Apr. 2.	By amt. paid A. V. Rowe, Gen. Miss....		12 60
Apr. 17.	To amt. from Pilgrim's Rest, Gen. Miss	5 30	
Apr. 17.	To amt. from Bluff Springs, Gen. Miss	5 80	
Apr. 17.	To amt. from Hebron, Gen. Miss.....	3 00	
Apr. 17.	By amt. paid A. V. Rowe, Gen. Miss....		14 10
Apr. 17.	To amt. from Harmony, Home Miss	2 80	
Apr. 17.	By amt. paid A. V. Rowe, Home Miss		2 80
Apr. 18.	To amt. from Sabougla, Gen. Miss.....	18 50	
Apr. 18.	To amt. from Sabougla S.S., Gen. Miss	1 50	
Apr. 18.	By amt. paid A. V. Rowe, Gen. Miss		20 00
Apr. 22.	To amt. from Bethany, Foreign Miss	14 00	
Apr. 22.	To amt. from Bethany, Home Miss....	14 00	
Apr. 22.	By amt. paid A. V. Rowe, H. & F. Miss		28 00
Apr. 30.	To amt. from Shiloh, for Gen. Miss....	6 25	
Apr. 30.	By amt. paid A. V. Rowe, Gen. Miss....		6 25
June 30.	To amt. from Bethel, for Orphanage	9 80	
June 30.	By amt. paid J. R. Carter .....		9 80
July 26.	To amt. from Pleasant Hill, For. Miss	5 50	
July 26.	By amt. paid A. V. Rowe, For. Miss....		5 50
July 30.	To amt. from Bethany, State Miss.....	3 75	
July 30.	By amt. paid A. V. Rowe, State Miss		3 75

To Total Receipts .....	\$217 60—\$217 60
By Total Disbursements .....	\$217 60

The Committee on Hospitality assigned homes to delegates and visitors, and on motion the Association adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 A. M. Dismissed with prayer by T. H. Wilson.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 9:15 the Moderator called the Association to order. Song, "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds."

The Moderator read Ecclesiastese 11th chapter and J. W. Spencer offered prayer.

The Journal of first day was read and corrected.

The following committee on Devotional Exercises was appointed, to-wit: Pastor and Deacons of this church.

Report on "Pastors' Support" was read by A. C. Mason. Discussed by A. C. Mason, C. S. Clark and on motion was adopted.

### PASTORS' SUPPORT.

We learn from the Word of God that "The Laborer is worthy of his hire."

He who works vigilantly is sure to reap the fruit of his labors. God has so arranged that the leader of his flock shall co-labor, and the reason some pastors fail of support, is because they do not lead their flock by the teaching of God's Word to understand their stewardship in the responsibilities that rest upon them as co-laborers with their pastor, in the faithful discharge of duty, they owe their pastor as the under-Shepherd of the Great Shepherd.

It is the judgment of the committee if pastors were more interested in advancing the cause of the Chief Shepherd and less interested in their own selfish interest they would be better supported by their churches. We learn from God's Word that "The Holy Ghost" makes them overseers of the churches of which it is their privilege (for we see from this quotation they are servants of the "Holy Ghost" to their charges) and if they would not grieve the "Holy Spirit" by neglect of service, He who sends the early and the late rain, those that are blessed thereby would bless their co-laborers with a willingness to divide the profits of these blessings with him who administers to them in spiritual affairs. "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but spiritual, and mighty to the pulling down of the strongholds of satan."

T. H. WILSON,

A. C. MASON,

Committee.



Renewed call for correspondence.—Rev. A. C. Ball presented himself from the Trinity Association and was welcomed to seat.

Report on Missions was read by J. L. Phelps. Discussed by J. L. Phelps, C. S. Clark, T. H. Wilson, A. C. Ball and on motion report was adopted.

#### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Our State Mission work seems to have been neglected, as we see from our State Mission Secretary, that up to August 31st only \$4,602.54 had been received. Over and over again he has asked the question through the Record, has State Missions become a back number?

Let us believe that our people intend to come yet with their help to State Missions before the meeting of the Convention at Winona in November.

Surely our 1357 Baptist Churches in Mississippi with a membership of 124,365, will not let the cause of State Missions suffer. If the cause of State Missions suffer, the cause of Missions suffer abroad. We ought to spend annually \$50,000 for State Missions. This could be done with great profit to our Redeemer's cause. Many of our strongest churches of today in the State are those who have been helped by our State Mission Board.

A number of weak churches have been enabled to build houses of worship and maintain preaching by the help of the Board, without which they could not have done either.

The new lines of railroad which are being built, are opening up new fields where work may be done that would yield large results in the Master's cause. If we, as Baptists, are not first on the field we shall suffer loss. In the Delta, especially the Roman Catholics are trying to pre-empt the ground. If we could between this and Nov. 1st secure on an average of 25 cents from every Baptist in the State we will have secured more than \$30,000. Let us try as an Association to raise before the meeting of the Convention in November the little, pitiful sum of \$200 suggested by our Secretary. This would only be on an average about \$7.70 for each church. Our State Mission work has passed beyond the experimental stage, it is tried and true. Our Board has many more calls for help than they have money to respond to.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. PHELPS,  
W. W. NARON.

## REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Our Home Mission Board rejoiced to make the splendid report that they were able to make to the Convention at Louisville last May. With a larger number of varied and far-reaching agencies than it has ever had before, there is not a single phase of its effort which has not been abundantly blessed, so that the general record surpasses that of any former year. Our work in Cuba was never before so prosperous. The work on the frontier of the Southwest never yielded such large results, nor presented such an opportunity for greater effort. The probability of our entering into New Mexico enlarges the trans-Mississippi territory to one and five-twelfths times the size of the territory east of the Mississippi River. This gives Southern Baptists an unparalleled opportunity to gain an empire for Christ and true Americanism. The evangelistic department has proven a great agency in reaching the lost, and in stimulating evangelistic effort in our churches. And in providing an evangelism in which sound doctrine, and religious zeal can abide together.

In every other sphere of its labors the Board's activities have been blessed, and in notable ways God is opening doors for greater and more far-reaching efforts, particularly is this true as relates to our work among foreigners who have come to our shores, for the strangers who are at our doors there is an opportunity that we cannot afford to miss.

## SOME FACTS AND FIGURES.

As compared with other organizations for the conduct of Home Missions, our Home Board has the distinction of getting much larger results for the amount of money spent, and as compared with its own record in previous years gained notably. The number of baptisms reported last year were 25,109, a gain of 2,707 over the previous year. The number of additions to Mission churches were 47,808, a gain of 7,391. The number of churches organized by our Missionaries were 146, a gain of twelve. The number of churches built and improved 368, an increase of 30. On the financial side the \$283,436 raised, was an increase of \$35,298 over the previous year.

Mississippi is asked to give \$26,000 this year, of which the Zion Association is asked to give \$150. Surely we ought to do better than that.

Your committee would recommend that we begin the work of giving as early as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. PHELPS,  
W. W. NARON,

## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The work of our Foreign Mission Board has been steadily advancing from year to year for the past ten years. We have rejoiced to see its growth and prosperity. The hand of the Lord has been with us and many have been turned unto the Lord. From year to year as our gifts have been increased, and recruits added to our Mission forces, the Lord has increased the number of conversions. Until now the number of conversions on the foreign field annually run up into the thousands. But what has been done is only a prophesy of what can be done, and should be done. When we think of the appalling fact that so many of our churches in this blest Southland, favored with the glorious gospel of life and salvation, absolutely doing nothing toward giving the gospel to the lost of earth, we are made to bow our faces in shame that we have been so ungrateful and so disobedient to our Lord's last command. And then added to this great list of non-contributing churches are hundreds of thousands of members in those churches that contribute something, who never give a cent. But few of our churches, if any, give like they ought to; and only those who are sending the gospel abroad are being blest at home.

Our work for last year showed a handsome increase over the preceding year, and we came out without any debt, but our Board could have spent as much more with great profit to the cause and to God's glory. The work this year has been laid out upon an enlarged basis, and let us hope and pray and give liberally that the mark set by the Convention at Louisville may be reached.

Mississippi is asked to give \$36,000 against a little more than \$35,000 last year. Of this amount the Zion Association is only asked for three hundred. Surely we must give that. Let the churches of blest old Zion Association awake to our duty and make the best record of our seventy-four years of history.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. PHELPS,  
W. W. NARON,

On motion the Association took recess until 1:30 o'clock. Dismissed with prayer by J. L. Phelps.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Come together by singing "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood," and prayer was offered by Joel Darroh.

Regular order taken up.

Report on "Mississippi College" was read by the Clerk, which on motion was adopted.

#### REPORT ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

Mississippi College, the Baptist institution of the State, is located at Clinton, Miss. Its history while under the auspices of the Baptist denomination stretches across the lapse of a half century and more; the record of which bears the names of those great characters who have helped to make this American Nation the brightest Christian star in the great constellation of civilized countries.

The college is today doing the most effectual work both for man and for Christ of all her history. This fact is evidenced by the recent erection of Jinnings Hall and the new Preparatory Hall at a cost of \$80,000. The session of 1908 and 1909 shows an enrollment of about 450 students, 65 of whom are young ministers, and through the kind and benevolent Ministerial Board are being well prepared to go forth from those college walls to do battle for the cause of Christ. The session in question, was one marked with orderly conduct and efficient work. The absolute harmony that exists between the able and efficient faculty and the manly student body makes this institution fulfill her motto of truth and virtue.

When the authorities perfect the new Science Hall next spring at a cost of about \$75,000 and with already the best Dormitory in the State, we may look for greater things of the college. Under the wise and judicious management of the noble President, Dr. W. T. Lowry, this college is destined to do a grander work for the cause of humanity and for the cause of God.

J. A. McCAIN,  
J. E. TAYLOR,  
Committee.

Report on Periodicals was read by the Clerk. Discussed by J. L. Phelps and report was adopted.

#### REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee first of all recommends the reading of the Bible and then the best preparation for the successful study of the

Bible is deep devotion to Him who is its Author, and to the Savior of whom it speaks.

But only second to this is a good method of study, which will conduct the mind naturally into the subject and lead it on from attainment to attainment.

We should also read our own State paper, Orphanage Gem, Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field.

For our Sabbath Schools the Literature of Southern Baptist Convention published at Nashville, and as far as possible all good books and periodicals as published by our denomination.

J. D. DENTON,  
CHARLIE DENTON,  
Committee.

Report on Apportionment was read by J. L. Phelps which on motion was adopted.

#### REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

Your committee submits the following report:

We recommend that the churches of the Zion Association contribute the following amounts for Missions during the next Associational year, to-wit:

Church.	State Miss.	Home Miss.	Foreign Miss.
Bethany .....	\$ 10 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 30 00
Bethel .....	7 00	25 00	25 00
Bluff Springs .....	5 00	10 00	10 00
Eupora .....	25 00	100 00	100 00
Fellowship .....	15 00	25 00	25 00
Greensboro .....	2 50	5 00	5 00
Harmony .....	2 50	5 00	5 00
Hebron .....	2 50	10 00	10 00
Milligan Springs .....	5 00	10 00	10 00
Mt. Zion .....	2 50	5 00	5 00
Mt. Vernon .....	2 50	10 00	12 50
Mulberry .....	5 00	10 00	10 00
New Hope .....	15 00	50 00	50 00
New Liberty .....	5 00	10 00	10 00
Philadelphia .....	5 00	10 00	10 00
Pilgrim's Rest .....	2 50	10 00	10 00
Pine Forest .....	1 00	2 50	2 50
Pleasant Hill .....	2 50	5 00	5 00
Pleasant Grove .....	5 00	10 00	10 00



# ZION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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Sabougla .....	5 00	10 00	10 00
Sopa .....	5 00	10 00	10 00
Shady Grove .....	5 00	10 00	10 00
Shiloh .....	5 00	10 00	10 00
Spring Hill .....	5 00	25 00	25 00
Unity .....	5 00	25 00	30 00
Union .....	2 50	5 00	5 00
Walthall .....	5 00	10 00	10 00
Totals .....	\$158 50	\$442 50	\$455 00

Report on Nominations was read by the Clerk, which on motion was adopted.

## REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee submit the following report. Place to hold next meeting, Lodi. To preach introductory sermon, J. L. Phelps; Alternate, J. T. McPhail.

T. H. WILSON,  
B. W. PITTMAN,  
Committee.

Report on Orphan's Home read by the Clerk, which on motion was adopted.

## ORPHAN'S HOME.

In order to render more efficient service we have written to Bro. Carter knowing he could state the facts more plainly and forcibly, which he did in a circular letter given below, in which he has given us all the information necessary to enlist our sympathy, and our help, our prayers and our money.

Claiming to be God's children we can withhold neither since we, and all we possess belong to Him.

We are only stewards in His vineyard and must render an account for the things placed in our care, and this work of caring for helpless orphan children, how it should appeal to all our hearts! A noble beautiful work! A work that bears the stamp of God's approval. How it should appeal to every father's heart, and enlist the most hearty co-operation of every christian mother.

Below is the circular letter prepared by Bro. Carter, which is intended to take the place of this report.

The Mississippi Baptist Orphanage at Jackson, Mississippi is an Institution belonging to the Baptist of Mississippi; and supported wholly by voluntary contributions. The object of its establishment and maintenance is, to furnish a home, nurture, and training for the homeless, and helpless children. It has been in successful operation for twelve years. During this time it has passed through trials and struggles incident to institutions of this kind; but through them all it has been upheld by a liberal, loyal and loving people, who have been cheerful and generous in its support.

We have accumulated property "in houses and lands" to the amount of \$100,000. We are prepared, by crowding, to care for 200 children. We have in our home at present 181 with several outstanding applications.

Since its establishment nearly 400 children have been in our home for a longer or shorter time, and have received its benefits to a greater or less degree.

It is the purpose of the home to train these children in the practical art of home making and home keeping to such a degree that they will make good citizens, and independent bread winners.

Those to whom the management of our home is committed are doing faithful work, in the matter of training the children for usefulness; and are so directing their labor, that the children themselves are contributing largely to their own support.

The demands upon our home are daily increasing, and if we meet them, we shall have to build at once, as the room that we now have is nearly all taken.

We have enlarged our dining room and chapel this summer, but we are sadly in need of more bed room, and school room.

Let our people rally to our home with their money, and with their prayers, and thus constantly increase its usefulness.

H. J. BURSON,  
LEO. FLOURNOY,  
Committee.

Report on Temperance was read by A. C. Ball. Discussed by C. S. Clark, J. L. Phelps, A. C. Ball, and was adopted.

#### TEMPERANCE.

When we begin to study this subject our minds naturally run to the whisky question, but when we refer to the Bible, we find

recorded in 1st Cor. 9:25 "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things." Therefore we naturally conclude that there are other evils as detrimental to the welfare of Christianity and humanity as well as whiskey. While we have made great progress in the last few years in suppressing the whiskey traffic for which we are grateful, but while this has been done we have lost sight of many other forms of intemperance that hurt us, to-wit: our eating, our association, association with soft drink stands, excessive buggy riding of young people, use of cigarettes, novel reading, etc. Let's all look after these things seriously, and by the help of the Lord try to bring about a reformation.

W. A. HAYS,  
W. J. McPHAIL,

Committee.

Report on Finance was read by Noel Skelton, which on motion was adopted.

#### REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your Committee submit the following:

We have examined Treasurer's report and found same correct and have received the following amounts for objects named, to-wit:

For Minutes and Clerk.....	\$45 65
State Missions .....	4 75
Foreign Missions .....	2 00
Totals .....	\$52 40

NOEL SKELTON,  
W. A. HAYS,  
T. J. SIMS,

Committee.

Report on Systematic Beneficence was read by A. C. Ball, which on motion was adopted.

#### SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

We consider that the greatest need before us now, is system in our churches. Every phase of business that is successful has system in it, so if our churches would adopt system in her bene-

ficence, as Paul said, "Lay by in store on the first day of the week as the Lord has prospered him." We would have greater success in our churches.

M. B. KLUTTS,

Committee.

There being no report on Sabbath School the Clerk was instructed to insert last year's report in this year's minute.

#### REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOL.

The Sunday School has grown with marvelous rapidity in the past four years. Our people are waking up to the fact that our work in this line is indispensable to the growth of our churches, as a very large per cent of the conversions come through the Sunday Schools.

The Teachers Training Course established by our Sunday School Board has proven to be a great help to the efficiency of the work.

The Field Secretaries of the Sunday School Board have become a distinct and powerful factor in our denominational life. Through the work which these men are doing, and through the money the Sunday School Board has been giving great interest has become centered in our Sunday School Board.

More than a year ago a North Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Convention was organized at Eupora by a number of pastors and laymen of this section of the State, the next meeting which will be held at

One Vice President was appointed from each Association North of the A. and V. R. R whose duty it is to look after the Sunday School interest in their Association.

We note with pleasure most of the churches in the Zion Association report a Sunday School. This is of course as it should be, but what is most needed at present, is to reach and enlist more people in the work. We therefore recommend that we, through the means which we have, try very earnestly and faithfully to enlarge the attendance and increase the efficiency in all our schools.

In the Sabbath School army,  
Let our names be enrolled,  
We should follow our leader.  
All steadfast and bold.

On the Sunday School banner,  
His name you may see:  
It is Jesus our Savior,  
Who loves you and me.

J. L. PHELPS,  
J. W. SPENCER,

Committee.

Report on "Ministerial Education" was read by Noel Skelton. Discussed by T. H. Wilson, A. C. Ball and on motion was adopted.

### MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The importance of Ministerial education is based upon the Scripture; 2 Timothy, 2-15: "Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." A minister must be apt to teach. 1st Timothy, 3-2: A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach. How can the uneducated teach?

If we want to make a lawyer, doctor, or school teacher we educate them along these lines. How much more important than that they, who teach Spiritual things, be thoroughly trained.

Second reason why we believe in ministerial education:

The masses of our people are being educated as never before.

This increased intelligence and educational influence has created a demand for more thoroughly equipped ministers. Above all men the preacher needs to be intelligent. We urge first that any young man who feels his duty to give his life to this great work, to remember that God gives man an untrained and undeveloped mind. He gives him a mind untrained and calls upon him to secure the highest development and training possible, and if possible, a course of study to be taken at Mississippi College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. We urge second, upon our churches, the importance of contributing to ministerial education. God has set his seal of approval upon this work in the past.

Mississippi College and our Southern Baptist Theological Seminary open wide their doors to every young man called to preach the gospel.

Let us see to it that every worthy young man who desires to



do so, has the opportunity to study in one or both of these great institutions.

NOEL SKELTON,  
BUNYAN DURRAH,  
Committee.

The Clerk was instructed to get report on "Evangelism" and "Sustentation" and have them printed in the Minutes.

Evangelism—No report sent in.—*Clerk.*

#### SUSTENTATION.

Your Committee submit the following report:

It has always been God's plan to call his servants into his vineyard, and always will be, and He calls them for all of their time during their natural life, and that it is the duty of our churches to support them is plainly taught in God's word, "They that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel." Though they have worn themselves out doing God's service, they are still His chosen ministers, and He is still using them. And it is just as important that we as a church should support them, and look after and care for them, just as though they were still in the active work of the ministry, because they are still helping us. While God has called them to be His servants to give spiritual things to the world, He has made it our duty to minister to them in temporal things. It is woe unto them if they preach not the gospel, then it is woe unto us as a church if we support not the gospel. As Paul said to the church at Corinth, 1st Cor. 3:9, "For we are laborers together with God," and in this way we are preaching the gospel, and it is our duty to stand by the ministry with our means while he is battling against sin, not should we as the church of Jesus Christ, stand idly by and see the old servants of God, who have worn out their lives trying to bring men and women to Christ, without lending a helping hand? Surely not. We would therefore recommend that this association make an annual offering for the support of the retired ministers of our State.

B. Y. KING,  
A. B. SKELTON,

The Clerk was allowed \$15.00 for his service.

The following resolution of thanks was offered by T. H. Wilson:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered the members of Shady Grove Church for the christian hospitality accorded us during this session of the Association.

There being no further business a motion prevailed to adjourn.

The closing prayer was offered by T. H. Wilson and the Association adjourned to meet with Mulberry Church on Wednesday before the second Lord's Day in September, 1910.

JOEL DARROH,

Moderator.

J. W. SPENCER,

Clerk.



## Memorial Page

D. M. WRAY,	DAISIE KING,
BETTIE LIGON,	AVERY LIGON,
A. S. WARD,	THEO. DOOLITTLE,
MARY M. SMITH,	ADA KLUTTS,
PARK CLEMONS,	LUDIE EUDY,
CARRIE WILSON,	S. W. WELLS,
J. B. WOOD,	J. D. COLLUM,
SALLIE ERVING,	MRS. WM. GRIFFIN,
CHARLIE SHAW,	CATHERINE BAYS,
BYRON LANGSTON,	S. J. McQUARY,
LESLIE VANCE,	J. W. McMASTER,
J. H. JACKS,	ED. SHAW,
G. B. COOK,	MOLLIE LAMB,
AARON SMITH,	MRS. HANNAH LUSK,

"Let me die the death of the righteous, and  
let my last end be like His."---Num.23:10.

# MINUTES OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION OF ZION ASSOCIATION.

The Convention met with Spring Hill Sunday School on May 29, 1909. The Convention was called to order at 10 a. m. by President D. S. Patterson. The Convention engaged in a service of song and prayer, after which the Convention sermon was preached by W. J. McPhail. Letters were then called for. Joel Darroh and J. W. Spencer were appointed reading clerks.

The following schools responded, to-wit: Subougla, Spring Hill, New Hope, Barton School House, Bethany, Bellefontaine and Cross Roads.

All ministers, superintendents and teachers were seated as delegates.

The Convention then took a recess until 1:30 for dinner.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song, "How Firm a Foundation," and James Wilson offered prayer. The Convention then joined in a special prayer for Bro. J. H. Pryor in Texas, who had recently lost his wife, J. W. Spencer leading the prayer. The address of welcome was delivered by Ethel Spencer.

The Convention went into permanent organization, resulting as follows: President, J. W. Spencer; Vice President, D. S. Patterson; Secretary, D. V. Mallory; Chaplain, W. F. Davis; Anniversarian, J. L. Phelps.

Program taken up.

Essay—"The Sunday School and its blessings," Miss Nora Burns. Discussed by T. N. Moody, J. T. McPhail.

Essay—"Obedience," Ethel Hicks.

Song No. 69. Discussed J. T. McPhail.

"Faith and what we attain to by Faith," discussed by J. T. McPhail, J. D. Denton, W. J. McPhail and Joel Darroh.

Bellefontaine was selected as the place to hold next Convention, and Saturday before second fifth Sunday in 1910, time to meet.

Essay—"Charity and how we should use it," Abbie Gregg.

Convention adjourned until 9:30 tomorrow morning.

### SECOND DAY.

Opened with prayer by Chaplain. The following Committee on Program for next Convention, to-wit: J. W. Hicks, J. A. McCaine, Dale Griffin, Ethel Hicks, Ouida Walker.

Constitution read and adopted. J. W. Spencer elected as organizer.

Song, "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus."

"The Superintendent and his Duties," D. S. Patterson.

Address by Prof. W. B. Walker.

Convention took recess until 1:30.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention opened with prayer by H. Cannon.

Essay—"Proclamation," Daisy Skelton.

Essay—"A Word Fitly Spoken is like Apples of Gold in Pictures of Silver," Jennie Belle Vance.

Essay—"Prayer," Lizzie Estes.

A Resolution of thanks was adopted.

There being no further business, the Convention joined in singing "God be with you till we meet again."

The Convention adjourned to meet with Bellefontaine School on Saturday before the second fifth Sunday in 1910.

J. W. SPENCER, President.

D. V. MALLORY, Secretary.



PROGRAM FOR THE NEXT CONVENTION.

1. Convention Sermon—J. L. Phelps; Alternate, J. W. Wilson.
2. Welcome Address,—Miss Claud Roberts.
3. Anniversary Address by anniversarian.
4. "Best way to interest parents in the Sunday School."—W. T. McQuary and J. N. Carroll.
5. "What should be the nature of our young people's social entertainments?"—W. A. Hays and J. J. McQuary.
6. Essay—"Lost Opportunity"—Miss Effie McKee.
7. "The best way to prevent the reading of 'trashy literature,' and effect of same on the minds of the young."—A. C. Mason and Mrs. Dot Mallory.
8. "The benefit of an organ in the church and Sunday School."—Miss Minnie Skelton and Eli Hardin.
9. Essay—"The joy of forgiveness."—Miss Ida Edwards.
10. "Duties and Qualifications of Sabbath School Teachers."—J. T. McPhail and Joel Darroh.
11. "Paul's life before and after conversion."—T. H. Wilson and W. J. McPhail.
12. "Repentance and faith,"—J. W. Wilson.
13. "The evils of intemperance,"—Miss Lizzie Allen and D. S. Patterson.

Each Sunday School Superintendent is requested to appoint some one of their school to write an essay or to deliver an address.

J. A. McCAIN,  
J. W. HICKS,  
ETHEL HICKS,  
D. H. GRIFFIN,  
OUIDA WALKER.

Committee.



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# STATISTICAL TABLE

Orphans' Home	Other Purposes	Pastor's Salary	Visiting Ministers	Sunday Schols	No. Officers & Tchrs	No. of Scholars	No. Baptized	Amount paid for Literature	Superintendent.	Secretary.	Pastor and Postoffice.	Clerk and Postoffice.	County and State.
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		50 00									W. J. McPhail, State Spr'gs	F. J. Sims, Eupora	Webster, Miss.
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		100 00									Joel Dorroh, Bellefontaine	Farris Lucius, Walthall	Webster, Miss.
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